

REMARKS

Claims 1-3 are pending in the present application. Claims 4 and 5 have been cancelled without prejudice or disclaimer to the subject matter contained therein. The Applicant reserves the right to file a divisional application to the subject matter of the cancelled claims.

It is respectfully submitted that the above amendments do not introduce any new issues. Moreover, the amendments merely reduce the number of claims in the allowed application. Lastly, the amendments are being submitted to resolve the issues created by the Examiner in the Examiner's Amendment.

Therefore, entry of these amendments under 37 C.F.R. 1.312(a) is proper and respectfully requested.

Respectfully submitted,

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